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1. YUGOSLAVIA: Developments in foreign policy--US Ambassador Allen in Belgrade expresses the opinion that Marshal Tito's statement of foreign policy in his "state of the union" message before the Yugoslav Parliament on 27 April was "in many respects an overture to the West." Allen adds that the most direct reference was in regard to relations with Italy, when Tito stated that the "government of Yugoslavia desires that relations between Yugoslavia and Italy should be the best possible," and declared that presently unsolved problems should not be permitted to endanger good relations. Allen feels that although no specific mention of Trieste was made, it was obvious that Tito had "clearly opened the door" to the Italian Government for negotiation on the Trieste issue.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that Tito's speech represents an important contribution to the improvement of Yugoslavia's relations with the West and to the strengthening of Yugoslavia's position in relation to the USSR.)

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